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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of August 2017, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$261.7 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$75.3 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$184.6 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$206.4 million for August 2016.

Imports for August 2017 were \$6.6 million less than imports for August 2016, a decrease of 2.5%. Total exports increased by \$13.5 million or 21.7% of the August 2016 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$2.6 million or 6.2% over August 2016, while the value of re-exports increased by \$16.1 million or 82.0% over the corresponding period 2016.

For the period January – August 2017, the value of imports to Barbados was 2.06 billion, whilst the value of total exports was \$616.4 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$1.44 billion as compared to a similar deficit of \$1.43 billion for January – August 2016.

Imports for January – August 2017 were \$54.1 million less than imports for the same period 2016, a decrease of 2.6%. Total exports showed a decrease of some \$63.5 million or 9.3% over the January - August 2016 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$16.6 million or 4.8% over January – August 2016. The value of re-exports decreased by \$46.9 million or 14.1% over the corresponding period 2016.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of August 2017, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$53.2 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$23.4 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$29.8 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$18.9 million for August 2016.

Total CARICOM imports for August 2017 were \$8.0 million more than CARICOM imports for August 2016, an increase of 17.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for August 2017 were \$2.9 million less than total exports for August 2016, a decrease of 11.1%. Domestic exports decreased by \$3.3 million or 17.0% over August 2016. The value of re-exports increased by some \$0.9 million, or 23.7%, over the August 2016 figure.

For the period January – August 2017, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$409.7 million, whilst total exports were \$209.8 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$199.9 million as compared with a deficit of \$170.5 million for the same period of 2016.

During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$29.1 million more than those over the same period in 2016, an increase of 7.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – August 2017 were \$0.2 million less than total exports for the corresponding period 2016, a decrease of 0.1%. Domestic exports decreased by approximately \$1.2 million or 0.7% over the same period 2016. The value of re-exports increased by \$0.9 million or 2.3% over the January – August 2016 figure.

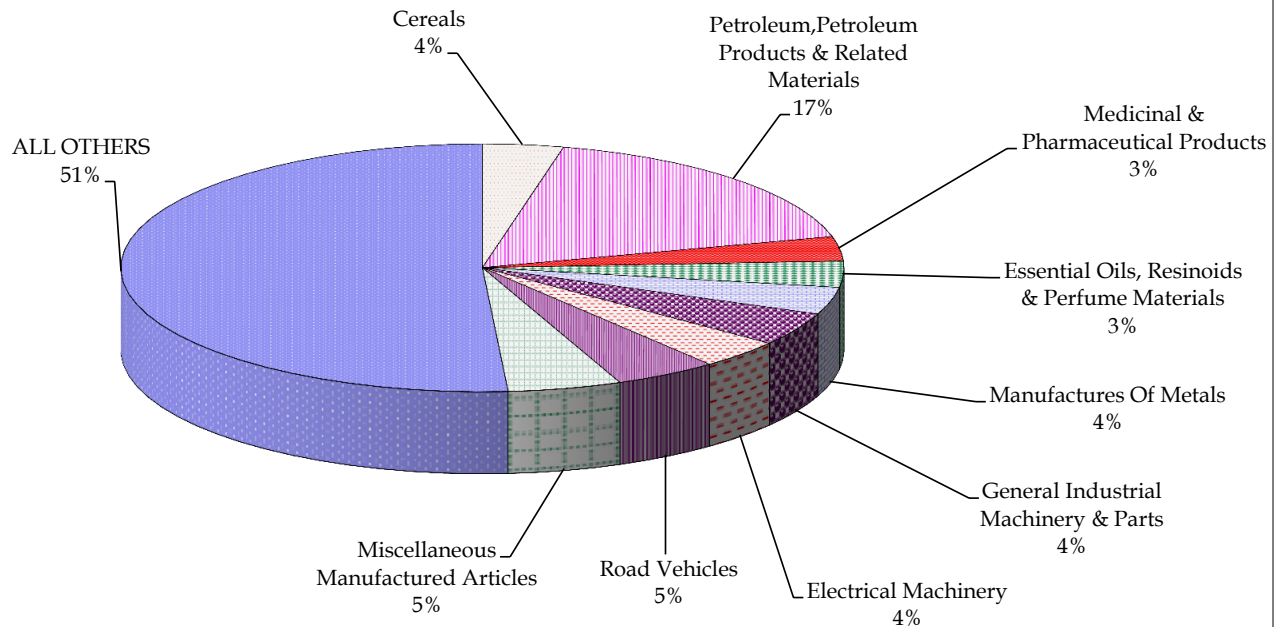
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

TABLE 1

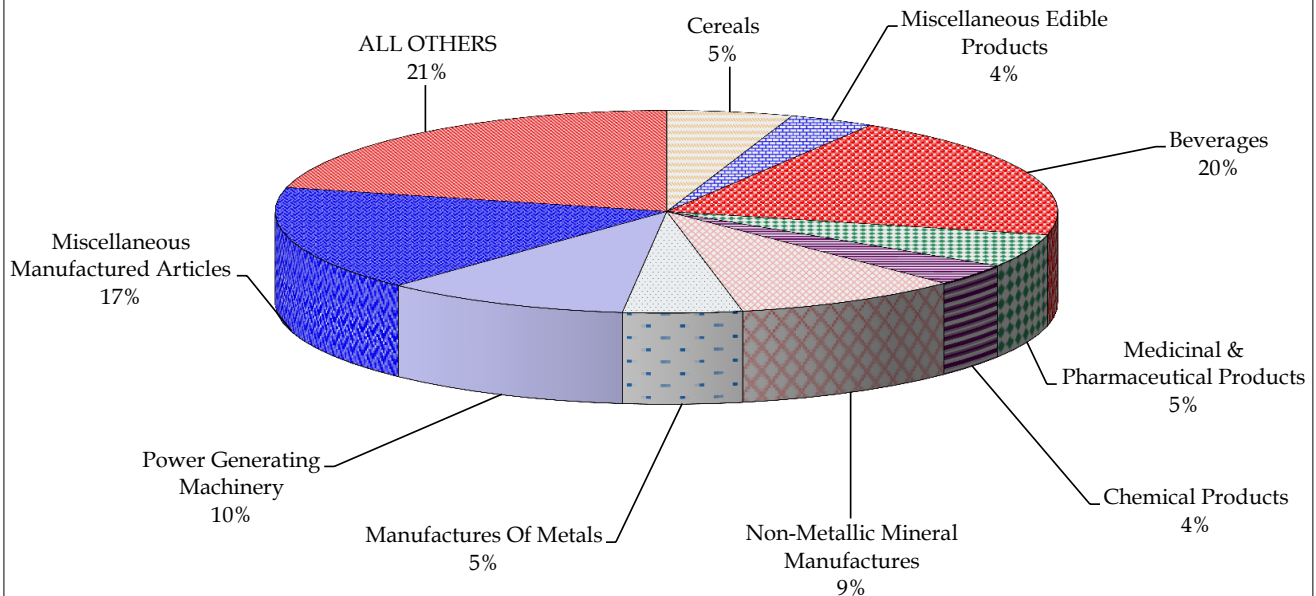
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	48,275,694	42,044,259	5,187,636	5,464,343	1,262,068	34,313	6,449,704	5,498,656
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	6,519,766	8,356,087	7,926,193	8,393,950	1,888,354	688,377	9,814,547	9,082,327
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	6,797,772	4,585,572	489,898	560,774	5,934	8,201	495,832	568,975
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	47,242,368	38,324,838	40,326	2,736,805	10,005,358	8,054,955	10,045,684	10,791,760
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	1,615,379	1,890,501	499,361	286,553	15,089	134	514,450	286,687
5 CHEMICALS	27,548,490	27,292,190	5,000,303	5,819,560	7,382,412	3,962,529	12,382,715	9,782,089
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	35,626,891	36,999,268	6,456,265	7,097,126	1,125,332	451,780	7,581,597	7,548,906
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	51,233,120	71,603,552	5,893,544	3,710,298	341,802	211,909	6,235,346	3,922,207
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	36,088,927	36,133,703	7,276,117	6,902,181	13,631,346	6,178,067	20,907,463	13,080,248
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	791,537	1,092,771	904,014	1,314,301	676	500	904,690	1,314,801
TOTAL*	261,739,944	268,322,741	39,673,657	42,285,891	35,658,371	19,590,765	75,332,028	61,876,656

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Principal Imports - August 2017



Principal Domestic Exports - August 2017

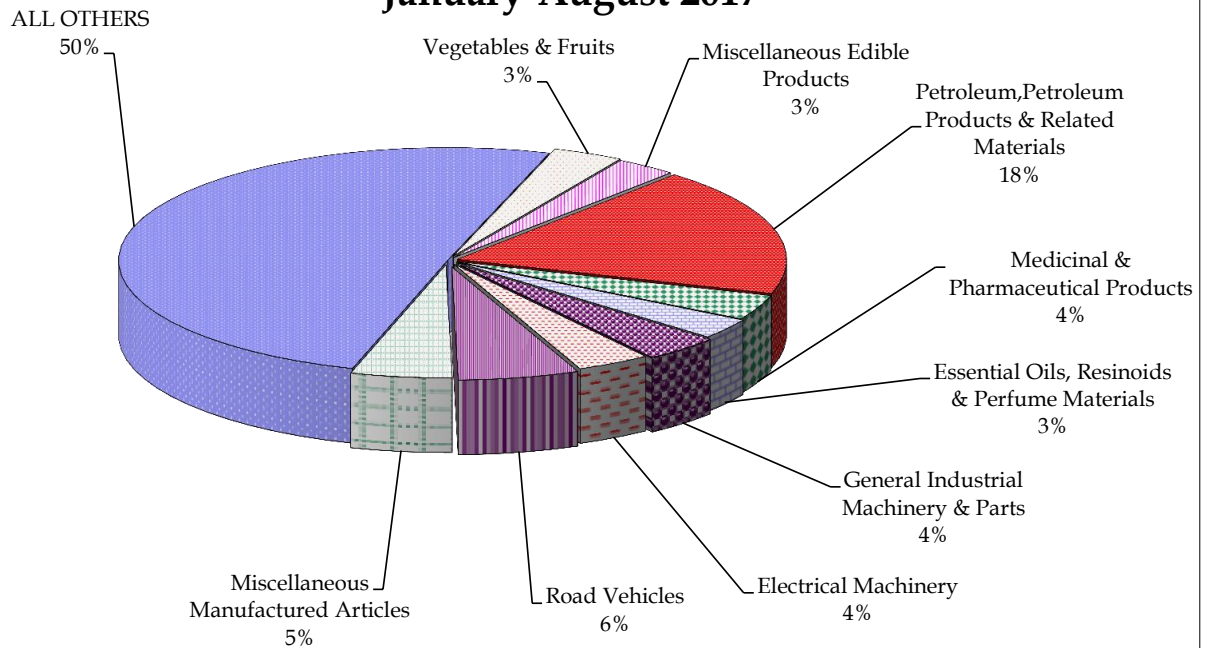


**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 2

(BDS \$)								
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	374,735,954	350,945,199	44,692,098	45,149,017	5,180,097	1,148,882	49,872,195	46,297,899
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	65,212,009	66,648,605	66,482,692	61,888,603	17,074,644	4,736,840	83,557,336	66,625,443
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	43,650,165	42,102,731	4,008,235	4,527,217	417,086	190,139	4,425,321	4,717,356
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	394,415,823	307,835,787	18,799,333	12,144,991	112,589,370	83,150,996	131,388,703	95,295,987
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	11,433,827	11,169,069	2,331,330	2,505,622	55,819	94,460	2,387,149	2,600,082
5 CHEMICALS	224,176,393	230,383,524	44,735,193	62,947,364	49,187,030	30,805,518	93,922,223	93,752,882
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	247,198,586	245,370,821	49,468,947	49,348,713	9,714,974	9,734,817	59,183,921	59,083,530
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	436,582,811	470,731,851	34,615,003	25,275,305	5,905,559	13,763,485	40,520,562	39,038,790
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	257,030,523	381,574,345	61,041,424	77,812,329	84,991,252	188,399,951	146,032,676	266,212,280
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	6,724,577	8,520,838	5,101,244	6,266,008	31,880	60,028	5,133,124	6,326,036
TOTAL*	2,061,160,668	2,115,282,770	331,275,499	347,865,169	285,147,711	332,085,116	616,423,210	679,950,285

Principal Imports January-August 2017



Principal Domestic Exports January- August 2017

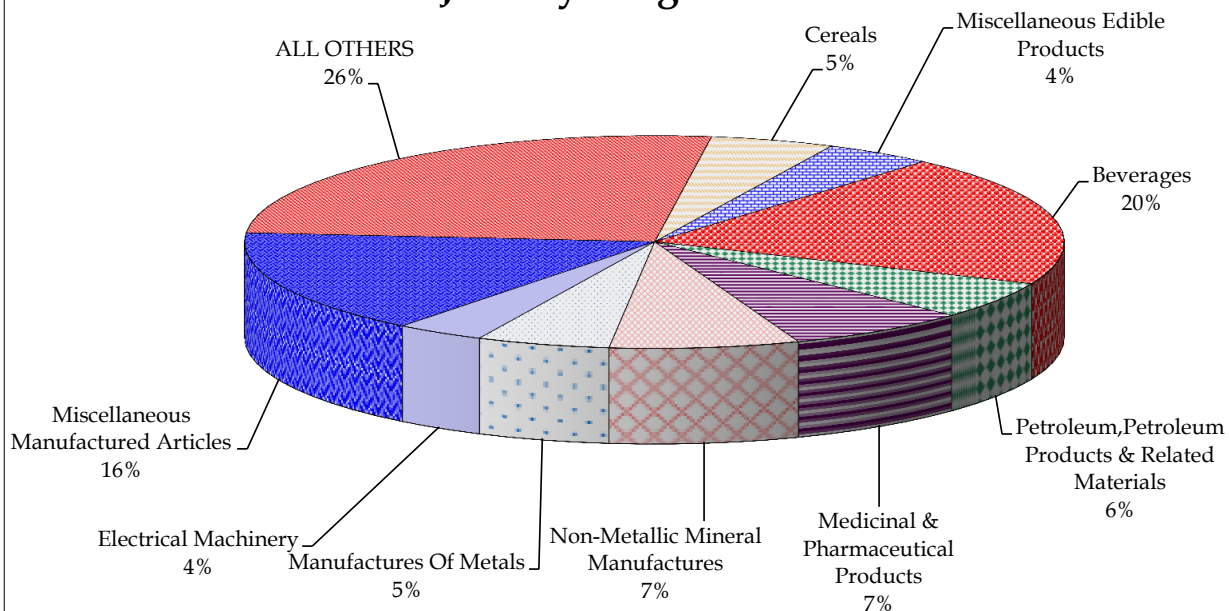


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	12,438,490	16,575,665	650,146	2,140,258	171,139	695,672	821,285	2,835,930
CANADA	4,877,606	7,074,827	1,081,642	1,804,641	19,322	7,647	1,100,964	1,812,288
UNITED STATES	105,563,642	92,619,000	11,035,801	5,158,644	15,223,902	3,464,476	26,259,703	8,623,120
CARICOM *	53,235,374	45,233,078	18,623,068	22,449,265	4,784,546	3,866,343	23,407,614	26,315,608
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	1,773,997	9,111,291	7,759,133	8,681,519	2,187,490	2,100,730	9,946,623	10,782,249
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	4,532,259	8,111	1,289,374	2,687,665	485,383	598,182	1,774,757	3,285,847
PUERTO RICO	6,744,931	5,691,659	1,996	95,914	-	57	1,996	95,971
VENEZUELA	1,611	-	3,019	200	-	-	3,019	200
JAPAN	5,383,111	10,138,074	20	2,000	-	-	20	2,000
GERMANY	3,112,355	4,968,338	100,215	256,680	-	7,964	100,215	264,644
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	65,849,348	85,974,736	6,888,376	7,690,624	4,968,831	2,895,505	11,857,207	10,586,129
STORES/BUNKERS *	1,217	39,253	-	-	10,005,248	8,054,919	10,005,248	8,054,919
TOTAL *	261,739,944	268,322,741	39,673,657	42,285,891	35,658,371	19,590,765	75,332,028	61,876,656

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**MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	044	Maize Unmilled	2,080,758	9,839
	098	Edible Products	3,611,580	3,785,517
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	2,731,405	61,151
	248	Wood Simply Worked	2,527,904	2,503,232
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	2,865,390	2,100,606
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,115,592	2,151,042
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	2,304,718	1,387,834
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	2,699,273	2,722,621
	821	Furniture And Parts	5,349,187	2,148,196
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,603,852	3,697,346
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,401,124	1,073,792
	098	Edible Products	1,192,032	684,607
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,204,360	1,418,564
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	664,752	567,003
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	32,478,254	18,252,693
	342	Liquified Propane, Butane	1,271,785	871,315
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	663,473	1,158,497
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,140,645	1,841,210
	665	Glassware	384,302	124,696
	893	Articles Of Plastic	527,377	531,574
CHINA, PEO.REP.	684	Aluminium	428,669	51,849
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,256,445	791,090
	761	Television Receivers	347,203	2,168,503
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	1,701,861	1,489,880
	775	Household Type Equipment	383,019	512,466
	821	Furniture And Parts	834,453	469,194
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	663,207	375,783
	851	Footwear	455,084	670,718
	893	Articles Of Plastic	515,131	942,267
	897	Jewellery	515,396	737,590
UNITED KINGDOM	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	650,831	752,352
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	730,212	393,738
	098	Edible Products	607,177	172,174
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	735,591	523,659
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	466,141	165,267
	677	Rail Railways Iron And Steel	505,453	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	386,052	386,920
	711	Steam Vapor Boilers	570,737	-
	723	Contractors Plant Equipment	730,336	292,528
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	408,974	383,881
PUERTO RICO	081	Feeding Stuff, Animals	11,923	-
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	56,014	-
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	5,895,121	4,983,767
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	10,532	70,350
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	121,870	72,289
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	30,532	7,392
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	9,069	17,641
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	56,662	-
	872	Medical Appliances	15,057	61
	893	Articles Of Plastic	494,372	295,887

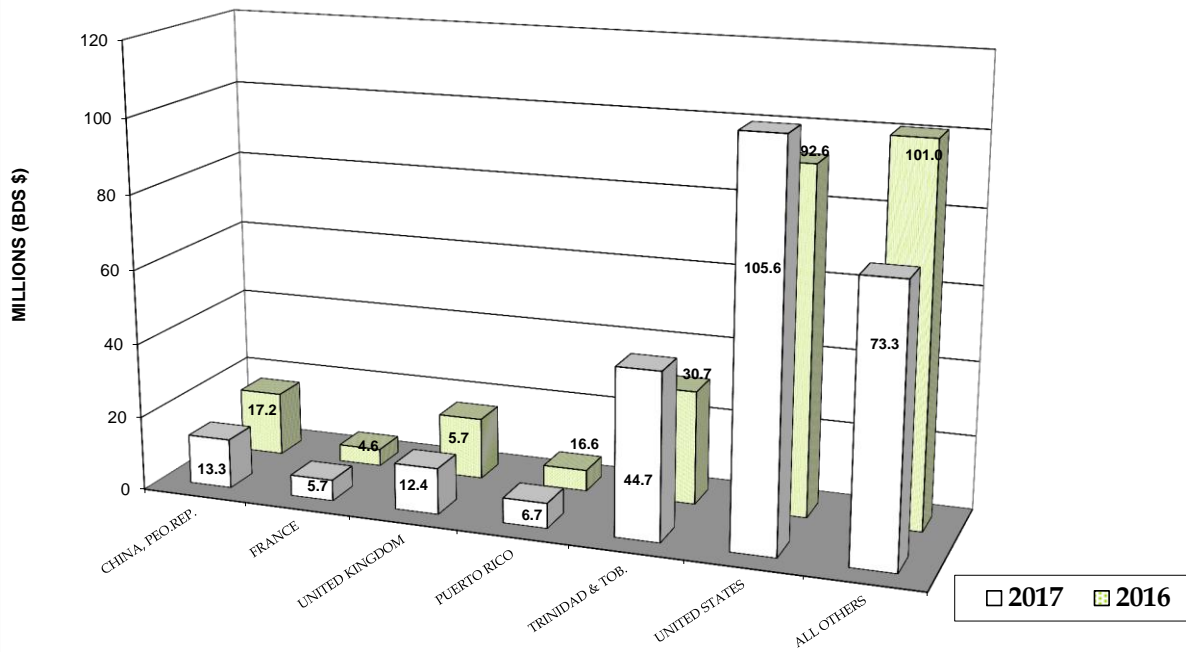
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	363,498	365,223
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	4,239,858	1,453,613
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	172,427	116,320
	714	Engines And Motors Non-Electric	4,030,000	40,000
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	554,844	952,912
	781	Motor Cars	136,000	184,000
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	152,552	7,037
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	373,470	471,410
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	167,015	463,256
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	256,829	273,230
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	334,090	300,006
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	170,790	180,570
	059	Fruit Juices	74,415	35,400
	091	Margarine And Shortening	106,112	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	164,553	65,895
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	113,414	10,841
	642	Articles Of Paper	196,565	15,281
	661	Lime, Cement	3,014,356	3,213,009
	892	Printed Matter	383,713	89,454
	893	Articles Of Plastic	181,794	-
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	196,739	292,304
	091	Margarine And Shortening	574,257	783,884
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	304,616	159,690
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	103,777	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	284,585	242,262
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	401,150	678,806
	692	Metal Containers	438,578	465,012
	892	Printed Matter	115,722	151,892
	893	Articles Of Plastic	71,128	37,657
	896	Artwork, Collectors Pieces	68,000	-
ST. LUCIA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	250,331	182,279
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	104,088	52,469
	059	Fruit Juices	207,071	239,003
	081	Feeding Stuff, Animals	89,505	22,768
	091	Margarine And Shortening	196,017	222,392
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	179,175	123,645
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	290,758	169,167
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	223,064	113,946
	661	Lime, Cement	172,951	217,553
	781	Motor Cars	89,000	-
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	89,725	148,076
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	270,466	342,035
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	282,860	55,405
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	366,076	49,771
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	110,122	104,142
	642	Articles Of Paper	15,405	41,115
	692	Metal Containers	475,118	502,435
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	16,000	-
	892	Printed Matter	662,540	562,931
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	14,425	51,918

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	983,688	-
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	4,413,401	144,360
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,056,955	288,930
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	467,845	45,346
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	416,100	102,991
	845	Articles Of Apparel	814,020	55,346
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	259,982	31,195
	851	Footwear	366,536	436,014
	885	Watches And Clocks	1,294,139	400,842
	897	Jewellery	3,025,477	1,346,036
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	10,005,248	8,054,919
PANAMA	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	39,573	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	596	-
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	75,216	-
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	4,287	-
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	2,903	-
	845	Articles Of Apparel	234,738	-
	846	Clothing Accessories	56,985	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	43,527	-
	851	Footwear	3,003,203	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	273	-
JAMAICA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,366,181	-
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	10,644	-
	523	Metallic Salts	481	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	204,070	457,627
	726	Printing, Binding Machinery	172,600	-
	872	Medical Appliances	6,650	1,900
FRANCE	642	Articles Of Paper	20,393	-
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	16,798	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	39,574	168
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	576,214	117,761
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	54,437	63,032
	846	Clothing Accessories	41,201	13,814
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	177,484	13,832
	851	Footwear	18,210	1,606
	884	Optical Cord	37,434	2,240
	897	Jewellery	78,572	1,136

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

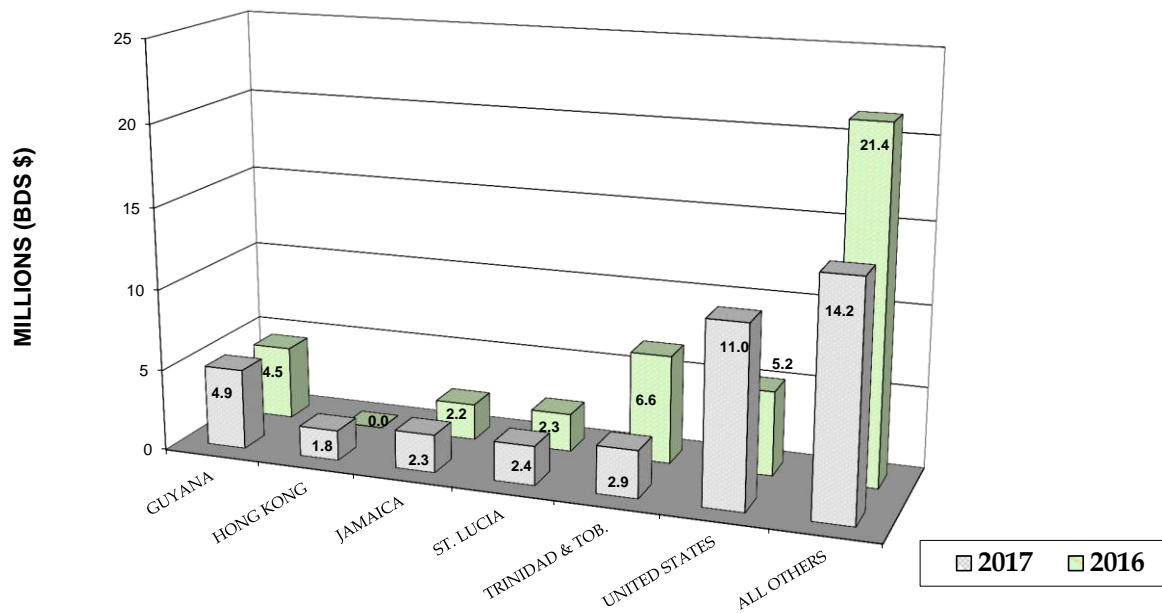


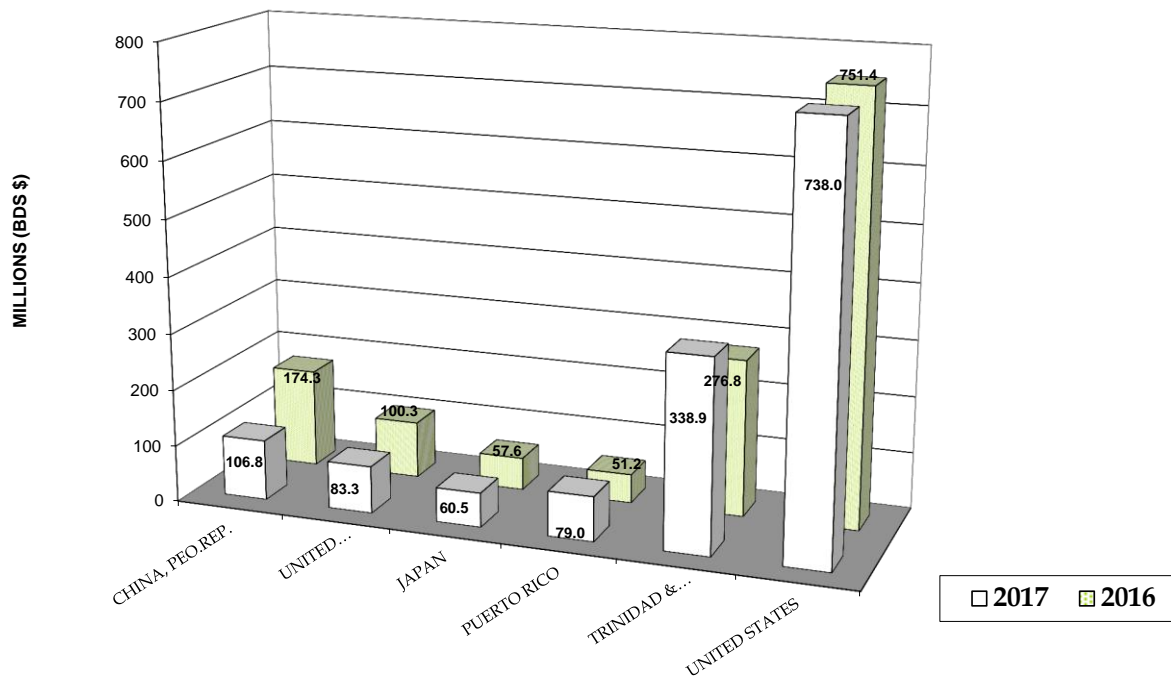
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VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

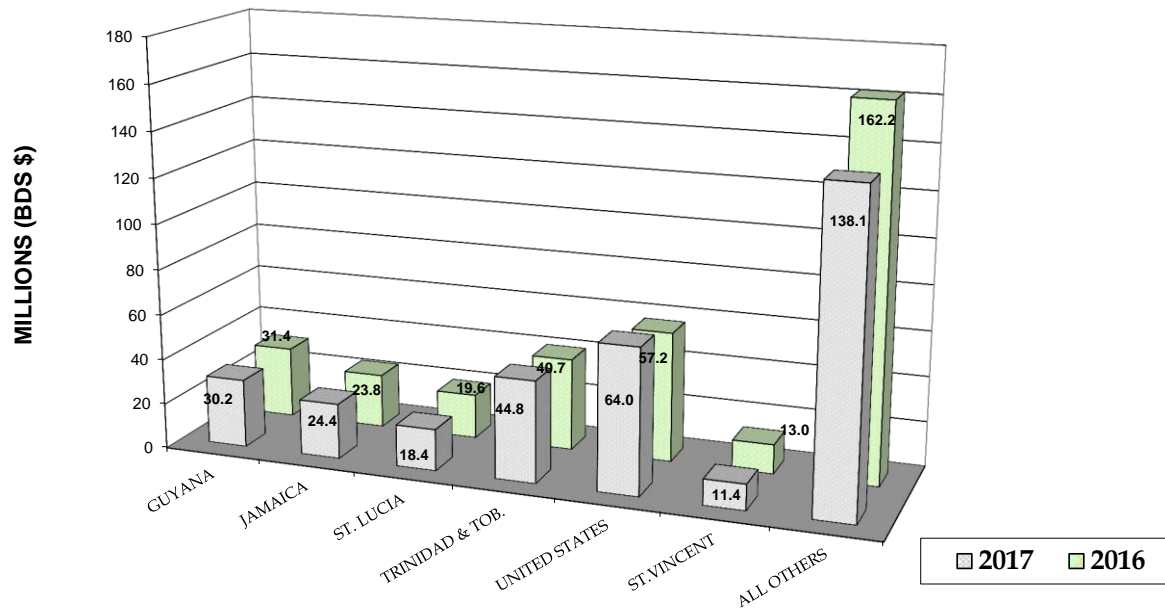
COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	83,145,621	100,315,684	10,806,114	12,217,860	1,913,688	4,094,399	12,719,802	16,312,259
CANADA	52,691,154	48,686,608	10,834,455	11,863,444	167,170	450,987	11,001,625	12,314,431
UNITED STATES	737,987,010	751,405,592	64,047,101	57,220,774	94,968,076	181,875,412	159,015,177	239,096,186
CARICOM *	409,655,325	380,541,357	168,480,232	169,645,664	41,310,890	40,363,717	209,791,122	210,009,381
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	22,945,304	58,047,065	61,976,030	67,765,740	19,732,428	23,613,841	81,708,458	91,379,581
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	37,263,242	114,268	13,284,332	12,518,412	4,484,451	3,605,297	17,768,783	16,123,709
PUERTO RICO	79,029,561	51,188,446	551,292	688,868	529,419	113,473	1,080,711	802,341
VENEZUELA	36,912	34,564	360,244	143,730	673	36,121	360,917	179,851
JAPAN	60,513,209	57,583,200	102,756	17,682	11,950	64,186	114,706	81,868
GERMANY	28,054,168	43,945,843	2,431,578	1,354,247	81,981	80,733	2,513,559	1,434,980
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	572,777,966	681,426,652	60,377,395	82,194,488	29,098,843	18,252,699	89,476,238	100,447,187
STORES/BUNKERS *	6,500	40,080	-	-	112,580,570	83,148,092	112,580,570	83,148,092
TOTAL *	2,061,160,668	2,115,282,294	331,275,499	347,865,169	285,147,711	332,085,116	616,423,210	679,950,285

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MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

TABLE 5

(BDS \$)

S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	9,736,627	8,335,569	4,383,839	4,644,527	93,799	31,713	4,477,638	4,676,240
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	2,821,122	3,497,734	749,314	546,266	1,567,721	68,741	2,317,035	615,007
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	636,550	403,394	107,074	69,246	4,010	2,740	111,084	71,986
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	33,750,039	26,008,265	40,326	2,736,493	110	-	40,436	2,736,493
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	16,634	16,402	496,173	275,388	2,239	-	498,412	275,388
5 CHEMICALS	1,699,286	2,095,484	3,993,702	3,392,333	2,438,956	3,068,076	6,432,658	6,460,409
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	2,735,391	2,651,783	5,871,136	6,461,357	196,895	313,883	6,068,031	6,775,240
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	109,491	517,310	575,493	1,673,676	199,798	143,713	775,291	1,817,389
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,674,951	1,658,518	2,276,997	2,537,421	280,918	236,977	2,557,915	2,774,398
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	55,283	48,619	129,014	112,558	100	500	129,114	113,058
TOTAL *	53,235,374	45,233,078	18,623,068	22,449,265	4,784,546	3,866,343	23,407,614	26,315,608

**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
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TABLE 6

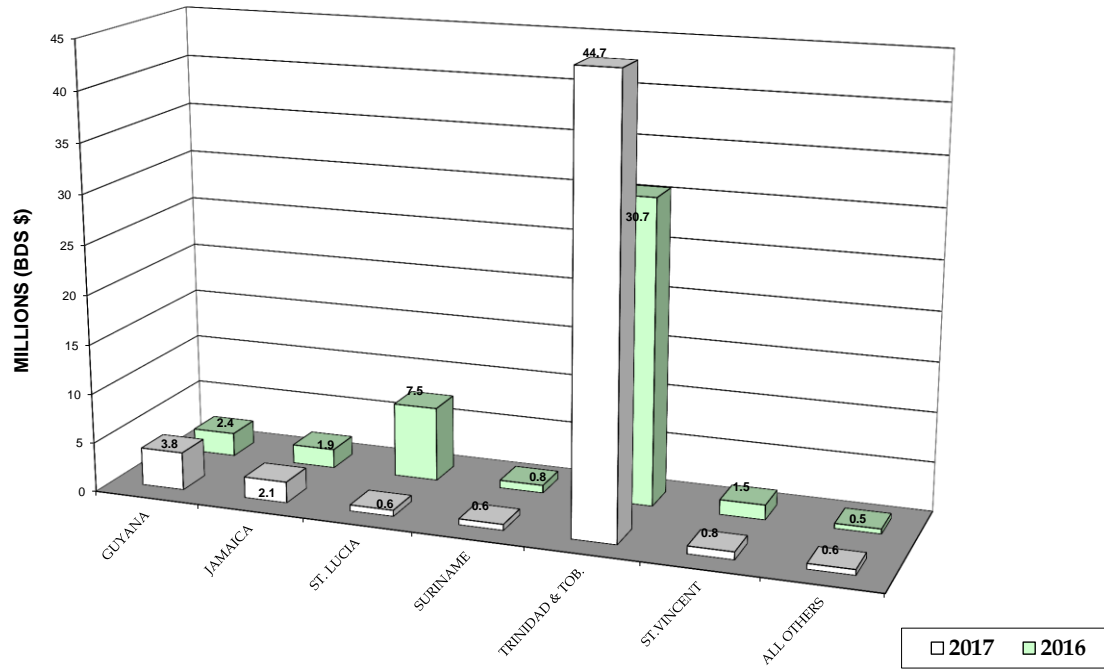
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S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	70,739,441	66,929,177	38,158,665	37,764,475	465,087	924,424	38,623,752	38,688,899
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	27,041,290	26,530,808	9,098,113	4,821,137	12,305,305	662,758	21,403,418	5,483,895
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	4,058,311	4,242,838	519,443	676,836	67,300	13,254	586,743	690,090
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	257,808,465	232,800,021	18,798,298	12,140,111	8,353	2,683	18,806,651	12,142,794
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	188,946	106,377	2,321,766	2,457,407	4,562	93,448	2,326,328	2,550,855
5 CHEMICALS	15,451,962	14,671,746	34,037,540	37,403,845	20,543,032	21,841,932	54,580,572	59,245,777
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	19,503,064	18,710,800	40,164,156	44,325,747	2,294,865	4,279,218	42,459,021	48,604,965
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1,979,861	4,168,187	3,833,410	7,692,539	2,034,827	8,331,466	5,868,237	16,024,005
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	12,506,012	12,038,035	20,433,540	21,417,811	3,587,359	4,202,644	24,020,899	25,620,455
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	377,973	343,368	1,115,301	945,756	200	11,890	1,115,501	957,646
TOTAL *	409,655,325	380,541,357	168,480,232	169,645,664	41,310,890	40,363,717	209,791,122	210,009,381

TABLE 7

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	(BDS \$)							
	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
ANTIGUA	17,950	26,668	1,179,918	1,021,414	444,493	425,078	1,624,411	1,446,492
BELIZE	185,554	354,655	398,725	165,918	-	5,880	398,725	171,798
DOMINICA	16,575	22,768	643,004	556,588	303,725	146,005	946,729	702,593
GRENADA	52,502	51,054	925,323	1,354,245	345,313	430,452	1,270,636	1,784,697
GUYANA	3,828,758	2,372,217	4,933,456	4,516,016	92,361	95,347	5,025,817	4,611,363
HAITI	2,394	27,957	10,000	1,050	-	8,400	10,000	9,450
JAMAICA	2,122,330	1,917,990	2,325,114	2,228,290	1,760,626	561,109	4,085,740	2,789,399
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	268,722	21,048	840,343	1,551,168	228,962	228,394	1,069,305	1,779,562
ST. LUCIA	621,650	7,492,254	2,395,382	2,327,586	611,947	607,698	3,007,329	2,935,284
MONSTERRAT	16,236	-	124,231	148,985	-	7,981	124,231	156,966
SURINAME	602,855	783,487	290,337	222,969	-	-	290,337	222,969
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	44,719,486	30,665,481	2,906,303	6,633,503	744,069	1,094,877	3,650,372	7,728,380
ST. VINCENT	780,362	1,497,499	1,650,932	1,721,533	253,050	255,122	1,903,982	1,976,655
CARICOM TOTAL *	53,235,374	45,233,078	18,623,068	22,449,265	4,784,546	3,866,343	23,407,614	26,315,608
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	1,773,997	9,111,291	7,759,133	8,681,519	2,187,490	2,100,730	9,946,623	10,782,249

CARICOM IMPORTS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

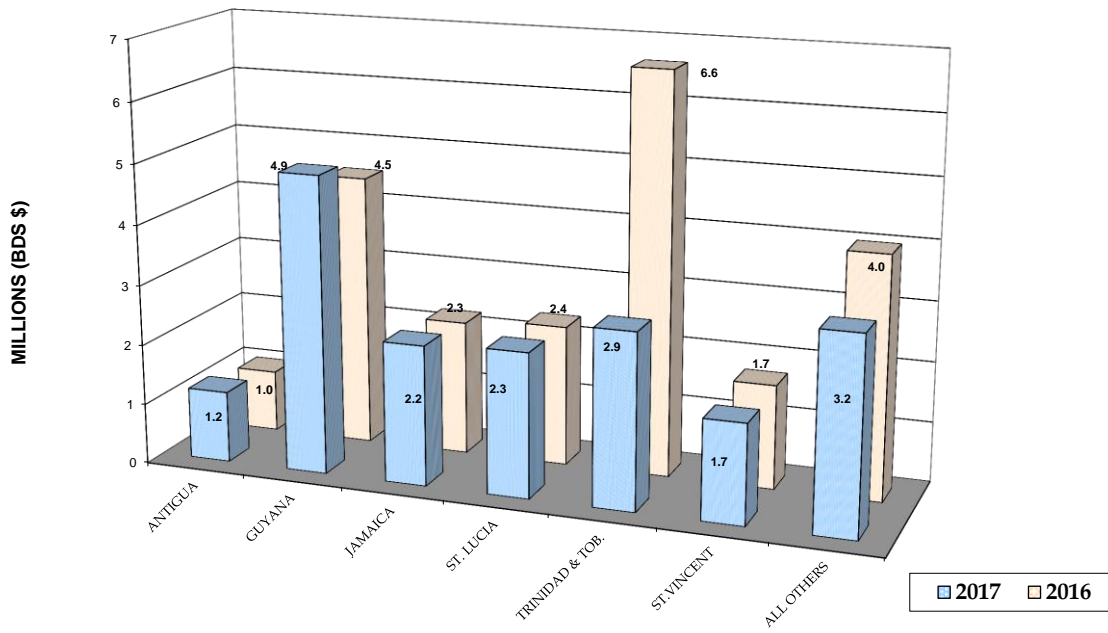


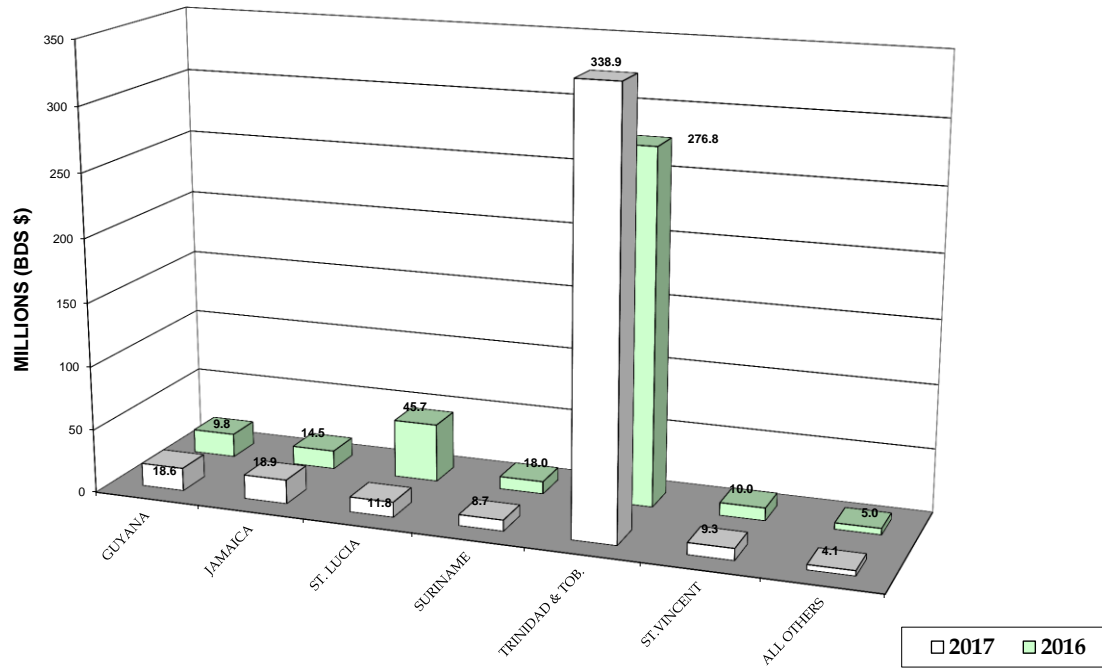
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VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

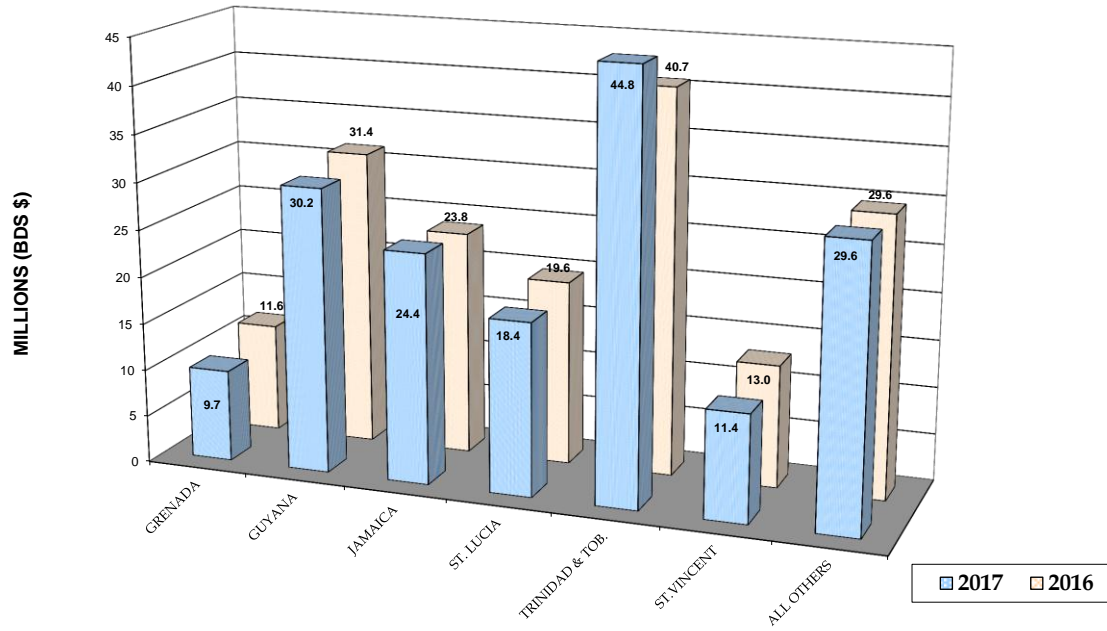
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COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
ANTIGUA	277,512	375,173	9,385,215	11,118,575	4,957,335	7,541,616	14,342,550	18,660,191
BELIZE	2,145,555	2,584,262	2,651,607	1,997,125	68,122	68,574	2,719,729	2,065,699
DOMINICA	171,939	691,734	4,290,996	4,408,297	1,403,780	1,566,944	5,694,776	5,975,241
GRENADA	1,101,342	1,208,315	9,746,803	11,576,405	2,623,207	2,720,129	12,370,010	14,296,534
GUYANA	18,030,324	18,641,078	30,172,549	31,425,947	2,129,653	472,853	32,302,202	31,898,800
HAITI	58,068	71,394	411,560	298,269	139,864	183,805	551,424	482,074
JAMAICA	18,871,042	14,545,472	24,387,140	23,777,069	15,119,341	4,253,167	39,506,481	28,030,236
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	307,879	66,497	8,265,888	7,681,351	1,772,108	1,851,303	10,037,996	9,532,654
ST. LUCIA	11,808,866	45,685,675	18,351,577	19,592,954	4,529,971	6,239,565	22,881,548	25,832,519
MONSTERRAT	20,026	2,689	524,502	392,825	70,904	50,927	595,406	443,752
SURINAME	8,677,746	9,826,752	4,069,655	3,690,194	36,575	80,488	4,106,230	3,770,682
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	338,927,286	276,825,334	44,811,691	40,691,320	4,084,907	11,690,989	48,896,598	52,382,309
ST. VINCENT	9,257,740	10,016,982	11,411,049	12,995,333	4,375,123	3,643,357	15,786,172	16,638,690
CARICOM TOTAL *	409,655,325	380,541,357	168,480,232	169,645,664	41,310,890	40,363,717	209,791,122	210,009,381
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	22,945,304	58,047,065	61,976,030	67,765,740	19,732,428	23,613,841	81,708,458	91,379,581

CARICOM IMPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



**PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2017	2016
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,573,372	4,383,365
	061 Sugar, Molasses, Honey	4,382,344	2,839,519
	098 Edible Products	7,724,678	7,234,212
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	43,917,127	36,449,618
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	7,497,587	8,606,403
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	6,416,761	2,834,790
	741 Heating Cooling Equipment	4,568,206	3,958,710
	781 Motor Cars	6,219,299	12,036,901
	821 Furniture And Parts	8,256,658	4,552,803
	893 Articles Of Plastic	5,526,287	8,061,493
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,405,990	1,595,111
	091 Margarine And Shortening	1,279,500	1,354,074
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	7,844,926	8,350,009
	533 Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,219,263	924,238
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,106,808	3,159,241
	591 Disinfectants, Insecticides	1,280,392	1,561,131
	661 Lime, Cement	3,557,858	4,458,829
	714 Engines And Motors Non-Electric	4,030,000	40,000
	892 Printed Matter	2,543,978	2,095,338
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	3,357,628	2,500,260
RE-EXPORTS	073 Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	983,688	-
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	1,643,889	487,872
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	10,005,248	8,054,919
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,321,589	3,299,209
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	4,491,723	189,939
	831 Travel Goods, Handbags	1,709,039	406,920
	845 Articles Of Apparel	1,064,727	108,219
	851 Footwear	3,410,519	437,731
	885 Watches And Clocks	1,378,358	774,628
	897 Jewellery	3,385,541	3,192,696

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

TABLE 9

(BDS \$)					
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2017</u>	%	<u>2016</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	160,048	0.4	-	0.0
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	1,279,500	3.2	1,354,074	3.2
RUM	112.441/449	6,482,970	16.3	5,200,404	12.3
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	1,219,263	3.1	924,238	2.2
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	2,107,455	5.3	3,160,449	7.5
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	14,265	0.0	6,017	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	1,280,392	3.2	1,561,131	3.7
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	364,489	0.9	218,917	0.5
CEMENT	661.222	3,557,856	9.0	4,449,154	10.5
METAL CONTAINERS	692	952,554	2.4	1,024,578	2.4
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	10,220	0.0	30,757	0.1
CLOTHING	841-848	5,180	0.0	9,932	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		17,434,192	43.9	17,939,651	42.4
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	771.21,776.1-3,81 772.31-33,35,38,41 44-46,49,51-56,59 778.6,72-74,79,849 841,759.95	847,295	2.1	1,178,365	2.8
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		21,392,170	53.9	23,167,875	54.8
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		39,673,657	100.0	42,285,891	100.0

*NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed
circuits for motor vehicles*

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 10

(BDS \$)					
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	JANUARY - AUGUST			
		<u>2017</u>	%	<u>2016</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	452,982	0.1	511,086	0.1
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	12,602,023	3.8	11,949,406	3.4
RUM	112.441/449	56,422,018	17.0	51,624,658	14.8
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	7,405,999	2.2	8,485,106	2.4
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	23,783,988	7.2	38,110,896	11.0
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	104,133	0.0	114,790	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	10,172,620	3.1	13,695,011	3.9
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	2,863,726	0.9	2,941,135	0.8
CEMENT	661.222	20,935,602	6.3	25,113,327	7.2
METAL CONTAINERS	692	9,975,954	3.0	9,673,010	2.8
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	277,423	0.1	276,515	0.1
CLOTHING	841-848	127,645	0.0	244,803	0.1
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		145,124,113	43.8	162,739,743	46.8
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	771.21,776.1-3,81 772.31-33,35,38,41 44-46,49,51-56,59 778.6,72-74,79,849 841,759.95	10,476,950	3.2	9,166,483	2.6
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		175,674,436	53.0	175,958,943	50.6
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		331,275,499	100.0	347,865,169	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	13,981,532	13,720,742
	098	Edible Products	31,501,150	29,494,397
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	14,555,114	13,442,121
	248	Wood Simply Worked	13,913,375	13,097,106
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	18,730,783	19,259,198
	642	Articles Of Paper	17,805,378	16,840,217
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	14,191,359	11,861,132
	752	Data Processing Machines	14,349,471	14,822,110
	821	Furniture And Parts	19,577,809	16,412,731
	893	Articles Of Plastic	19,914,736	21,107,924
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	9,658,974	8,683,858
	058	Fruits Prep.,Preserved	2,596,086	2,145,267
	098	Edible Products	7,487,811	6,882,568
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11,842,803	12,649,438
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	4,316,806	3,612,846
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	243,856,518	182,431,646
	342	Liquified Propane, Butane	7,089,183	7,191,504
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	6,767,733	6,075,354
	642	Articles Of Paper	7,441,719	9,330,227
	893	Articles Of Plastic	3,509,063	4,153,439
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	4,077,422	3,502,314
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	2,959,999	3,175,184
	752	Data Processing Machines	7,015,664	6,605,422
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	8,441,563	12,771,933
	821	Furniture And Parts	5,554,075	3,905,117
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	3,140,204	1,940,785
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	3,501,885	4,112,505
	851	Footwear	3,443,706	5,515,587
	893	Articles Of Plastic	3,922,854	4,497,082
	897	Jewellery	3,544,702	50,165,315
UNITED KINGDOM	024	Cheese And Curd	4,240,848	2,778,606
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,050,213	3,575,150
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	2,254,275	5,015,777
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,732,762	2,058,861
	098	Edible Products	3,317,039	2,875,335
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	4,041,800	4,468,861
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	4,829,544	5,319,505
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	2,667,219	2,501,569
	793	Ships And Boats	2,181,237	2,340,660
	892	Printed Matter	4,379,532	6,034,484
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	69,719,936	43,834,440
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	991,541	661,274
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,930,807	1,502,324
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	529,901	106,782
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	231,280	165,368
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	225,925	341,780
	642	Articles Of Paper	295,897	232,203
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	220,809	75,411
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	167,776	499,432
	893	Articles Of Plastic	3,348,965	1,358,809

MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,104,180	3,227,886
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	29,946,044	24,774,798
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	1,465,807	1,336,117
	714	Engines And Motors Non-Electric	4,030,000	40,000
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	1,416,001	924,164
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	7,685,219	6,349,497
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	1,349,882	168,397
	897	Jewellery	2,349,768	1,917,882
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	3,557,642	3,994,337
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	1,415,908	918,338
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	1,777,415	1,710,868
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,680,560	1,255,312
	059	Fruit Juices	571,349	500,250
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,214,422	886,464
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,638,945	1,655,365
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	596,543	391,506
	642	Articles Of Paper	608,964	707,397
	661	Lime, Cement	16,020,677	18,462,947
	892	Printed Matter	2,088,552	1,713,102
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,149,722	953,355
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,828,117	1,899,551
	091	Margarine And Shortening	6,033,706	5,473,245
	098	Edible Products	472,669	230,195
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	2,758,140	609,828
	333	Petroleum Crude	18,278,995	11,856,946
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	3,994,151	3,617,647
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	3,332,009	5,038,649
	692	Metal Containers	3,031,832	3,125,009
	892	Printed Matter	735,720	1,328,650
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	724,325	91,496
ST. LUCIA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	1,813,956	2,070,999
	059	Fruit Juices	1,608,626	1,590,198
	081	Feeding Stuff, Animals	692,328	112,149
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,821,017	1,611,217
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	974,175	1,168,377
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,499,679	1,461,532
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	956,756	944,221
	661	Lime, Cement	982,119	2,070,929
	813	Light Fixtures,Fittings	667,661	290,830
	892	Printed Matter	668,904	725,638
JAMAICA	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	642,879	724,265
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,385,035	3,019,638
	091	Margarine And Shortening	439,665	626,833
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	520,154	496,064
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,829,675	268,076
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	766,181	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	4,696,213	4,294,948
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	830,576	965,514
	692	Metal Containers	6,372,562	6,240,750
	892	Printed Matter	4,548,732	4,407,532

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	3,853,140	136,816
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	23,006,865	1,820,627
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	7,453,818	1,574,667
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	5,718,153	1,298,628
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	3,645,394	1,512,206
	845	Articles Of Apparel	4,559,765	1,936,963
	851	Footwear	6,831,528	2,176,703
	884	Optical Cord	1,679,792	658,458
	885	Watches And Clocks	6,575,624	19,995,902
	897	Jewellery	15,221,458	135,928,237
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	112,580,570	83,148,092
PANAMA	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	138,095	28,116
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,622,566	816,027
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,106,494	557,716
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	918,591	573,567
	843	Male Clothing Knitted	407,351	158,173
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	158,681	185,130
	845	Articles Of Apparel	1,624,267	454,661
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	197,735	106,446
	851	Footwear	4,992,581	1,185,982
	885	Watches And Clocks	268,588	31,173
JAMAICA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	10,099,462	106,416
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	150,691	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	4,239,492	3,892,850
	634	Veneers, Plywood	66,744	-
	635	Wood Manufactures	241,752	-
	661	Lime, Cement	14,364	-
	697	Household Equipment Base Metals	15,611	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	13,248	180
	726	Printing, Binding Machinery	172,600	-
	872	Medical Appliances	43,544	61,796
FRANCE	699	Base Metal Manufactures	87,211	37,856
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	3,165,076	2,178,648
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	181,926	186,839
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	840,633	718,467
	845	Articles Of Apparel	300,804	169,180
	846	Clothing Accessories	213,699	174,188
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	489,079	262,496
	851	Footwear	846,072	771,620
	884	Optical Cord	205,712	105,726
	897	Jewellery	391,611	279,322

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SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2017	2016
IMPORTS	098 Edible Products	60,360,388	58,962,397
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	34,361,063	34,814,597
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	376,210,761	291,439,475
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	66,120,154	81,920,318
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	34,101,239	27,228,980
	642 Articles Of Paper	33,329,925	36,368,583
	752 Data Processing Machines	33,410,036	26,149,793
	781 Motor Cars	64,281,965	65,874,965
	821 Furniture And Parts	34,518,753	29,587,750
	893 Articles Of Plastic	42,983,415	44,351,709
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	11,563,984	12,909,946
	091 Margarine And Shortening	12,602,023	11,949,406
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	65,144,833	60,559,581
	333 Petroleum Crude	18,278,995	11,856,946
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	23,752,242	38,004,376
	591 Disinfectants,Insecticides	10,172,620	13,695,011
	661 Lime, Cement	20,983,199	25,186,024
	772 Electric Switches Fuses	10,498,858	9,052,777
	892 Printed Matter	17,350,254	17,769,493
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	27,369,912	40,878,656
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	14,452,580	2,714,290
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	112,580,991	83,148,942
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	22,232,170	25,200,184
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	23,483,339	2,166,918
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	12,377,353	4,616,512
	841 Male Clothing-Non Knitted	7,223,432	2,391,605
	845 Articles Of Apparel	6,571,571	2,875,182
	851 Footwear	12,930,434	4,234,122
	885 Watches And Clocks	8,093,032	21,694,120
	897 Jewellery	19,099,896	138,752,644